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TAGS: OVIP (BOUVA, JEAN PIERRE) OEXC

SUBJECT: VISIT OF CAR PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

1. JEAN PIERRE BOUBA, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, URBANISM AND LAND AND RIVER TRANSPORT, WILL BE VISITING THE US FOLLOWING HIS ATTENDANCE AT UN CONFERENCE "HABITAT" IN VANCOUVER. BOUBA PLANS VISIT OF APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS. GIVEN CAR DEPENDENCE ON RIVER TRANSPORT, HIS PRINCIPAL INTEREST IS IN VISIT TO MAJOR US RIVER PORT, WHERE HE MIGHT OBSERVE LOADING AND GOODS HANDLING, PORT ADMINISTRATION AND DIFFERENT TYPES OF RIVER VESSELS. HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN POSSIBLE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CENTRAL AFRICANS WORKING IN WATER TRANSPORT.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF BOUBA COULD BE OFFERED OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT ST. LOUIS, MEMPHIS OR OTHER MAJOR RIVER PORT. SUGGEST THIS VISIT BE HANDLED AS PARTIAL IVP AND THAT DETAILS OF VISIT BE WORKED OUT WITH BOUBA IN VANCOUVER. ALTHOUGH BOUBA SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH (S-2) FRENCH SPEAKING INTERPRETER WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF HIS STAY.

3. WILL ADVISE EXACT TRAVEL DATES IN NEXT TWO TO THREE DAYS. QUANTON

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